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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Sohl et al.

Application No.: 10/666,549

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For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR SUBSURFACE
CONTAMINATION DETECTION AND
ANALYSIS

Examiner: Tung S. Lau

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application. The basis of this Petition is that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment.

The present invention relates generally to subsurface area contamination analysis systems, and more particularly to a smart data acquisition, processing and analysis tool used in the contamination area assessment and cleanup decision-making process. The invention provides a way to speed up the process of assessing the environmental damage to a site as well as improving the accuracy of such assessments. Conventional methods take months to years to assess a damaged site, while the present invention can assess a site in real time, or hours to days. The improved accuracy

and speed of assessment allows remediation to occur more quickly, and to be better tailored to the remediation needs of a particular site.

Accordingly, applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and the application undergo accelerated examination.

Under 37 CFR 1.102(c), no fee is required. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 36507-191465.

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